

Hoxie House
State Route 130
Sandwich
Barnstable County
Massachusetts

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Location: South side of U.S. Route No. 130, east of Sandwich Center.
Sandwich, Barnstable County, Massachusetts.

Present Owner: Town of Sandwich, Massachusetts.

Present Occupant: No one.

Present Use: An exhibition house.

Significance: The Hoxie House is believed to be the oldest 17th century house on Cape Cod, according to Dr. Ernest Allen Connally, HABS Historian and Architect. The nucleus is supposed to date from 1637, however, George H. Sherwood, Boston architect in charge of restoration, dates the house around 1680. This is a two-and-one-half story salt-box house.

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

Original and subsequent owners - not covered.

Date of erection - 1637 to 1680, conjectural.

Architect - Unknown.

Builder - Unknown.

Original plans - None discovered although restoration Architect, Geo. H. Sherwood of 101 Tremont St., Boston, has measured drawings and restoration drawings of this house.

Alterations and additions - In 1959 when Dr. Connally inspected the house, it was in the process of restoration. Today, it is fairly complete and open to the public.

Historical events - not covered.

Important old views - not covered.

Sources of information - Dr. Connally's inspection, 1959; interview with caretaker, Geo. Wing of Sandwich.

Likely sources not yet investigated - Further study needed. Abbott Lowell Cummings is consultant on the restoration. Architect Geo. H. Sherwood undoubtedly has information which will be of value.

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HABS Cape Cod Survey I, 8/31/60

PART II ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

GENERAL STATEMENT

Architectural interest and merit - Reputedly oldest house on Cape Cod, dates from early to mid 18th C. Careful restoration has been made under direction of Architect George H. Sherwood of Boston, and Abbott Lowell Cummings as consultant.

Condition - Excellent.

THE EXTERIOR -

This is a shingled salt-box 2 1/2 story house, vertical plank construction, shingled roof, massive brick chimney, facing east.

THE INTERIOR

Entry and two rooms on the east, huge kitchen, two stories high, with loft on the west. Upstairs is one large room on the east. Attic above.

SITE

This house is located in a well landscaped site, with rail fence, shrubbery trees and well kept lawn on a terraced lot east of Lake Shawme Lake near Sandwich Center. The house is now on public exhibition.

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